



SUGAR LAND 4B CORPORATION

AGENDA REQUEST

AGENDA OF:	03-16-16	AGENDA REQUEST NO:	III-C
INITIATED BY:		RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	ENGINEERING
PRESENTED BY:	JOE CHESSER, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION AND SHASHI KUMAR, P.E., SENIOR ENGINEER	DIRECTOR:	CHRISTOPHER STEUBING, P.E., CFM, CITY ENGINEER <i>CLS</i>
		ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR(S):	JOE CHESSER, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION <i>JAC</i>
SUBJECT / PROCEEDING:	HOLD PUBLIC HEARING / CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON FUNDING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03-04 APPROVING PROJECT FUNDING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY FOR GANNOWAY LAKE PARK AND A BUDGET REALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 TO REALLOCATE OPERATING BUDGET FUNDS TO THE GANNOWAY LAKE PARK PROJECT (SLB144)		
EXHIBITS:	RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03-04 / VICINITY MAP		
CLEARANCES		APPROVAL	
LEGAL:	EUGENIA CANO, FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY <i>EAC</i>	DIRECTOR:	JENNIFER MAY, <i>jm</i> DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PURCHASING:	N/A	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:	N/A
BUDGET:	JENNIFER BROWN, <i>JB</i> DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:	N/A
BUDGET			
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$		40,000	
CURRENT BUDGET: \$		0	
ADDITIONAL FUNDING: \$		40,000	
RECOMMENDED ACTION			
Hold a Public Hearing and approve Funding Resolution No. 2016-03-04 approving project funding for an environmental study for Gannoway Lake Park and approve a budget reallocation to reallocate operating budget funds to the Gannoway Lake Park project (SLB144).			
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY			

The Gannoway Lake Park is one of the City parks that was identified in the 2005 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. The City conducted a Gannoway Park Master Plan study in 2009 in conjunction with the adjacent Surface Water Treatment Plant's planning process. This planning effort provided a conceptual framework for the development of a 70-acre park for passive, nature-oriented recreation. The Gannoway Lake property is located near the intersection of Voss Rd. and Burney Rd., along Oyster Creek as shown in the attached vicinity map.

On December 18, 2013, the Sugar Land 4B Corporation (SL4B) approved Funding Resolution No. 2013-12-03 approving project funding for a preliminary engineering report (PER) for Gannoway Lake Park improvements. Since then, the PER has been completed. This PER identified a few environmental challenges and constraints to develop this park property to include trails, a water/nature education facility, playground, picnic pavilion, lake, board walks and a pier. It was recommended that these environmental issues be addressed prior to initiating final design of this project. Some of these key environmental issues are noted below:

- Wetland delineation for approximately 70 acres of park property
- Jurisdictional Determination
- Water quality sampling

The next step in this project is to complete an environmental study, which is currently not budgeted in the FY16 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). However, a thorough assessment of the above identified environmental constraints will better help in defining usable park property for recreational use, and will also assist in refining construction cost estimates for future CIP planning and budgeting purposes. The 2016 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan update will be establishing priorities for future development. Gannoway Lake Park improvements will be factored into the priority setting as part of the master planning process. Completion of the work outlined above will more thoroughly define the potential opportunities and constraints of the future site development. This information is necessary prior to moving forward with prioritizing of Gannoway Lake Park.

To accommodate this mid-year funding request, the Engineering, Finance and Economic Development Departments are recommending reallocating \$40,000 from operating budget funds. Therefore, staff recommends that the SL4B hold a Public Hearing and approve Funding Resolution No. 2016-03-04 approving project funding in the amount of \$40,000 for an environmental study for Gannoway Lake Park improvements and approve of a budget reallocation to reallocate funds from the SL4B operating budget to the Gannoway Lake Park project (SLB144).

EXHIBIT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUGAR LAND 4B CORPORATION APPROVING A REQUEST BY THE CITY OF SUGAR TO FUND AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY FOR GANNOWAY LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, under Section 5.02 (a) of the Corporation's bylaws, the City has requested that the Corporation fund a project or activity as described in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation's Board of Directors find that the described project or activity is authorized under the Development Corporation Act (Chapt. 501 to 505, Local Gov't. Code); and

WHEREAS, notice of the project or general type of project was published on the date described below, as required by the Section 501.160 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sugar Land city council did not receive within 60 days of the date of the published notice a petition from more than 10 percent of the City's registered voters requesting that an election be held before the specific project or general type of project for which notice was published is undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation held a public hearing on this project on the date described below, as required by Section 505.159 of the Act; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SUGAR LAND 4B CORPORATION:**

Section 1. That it approves the City's request for funding as follows:

Description of Project or Activity: Gannoway Lake Park Improvements Environmental Study

Date of Published Notice: November 15, 1995

Date of Hearing: March 16, 2016

Amount Funded: \$40,000

Statutory Authorization: Local Gov't. Code, §505.152 – Project includes equipment, facilities and improvements found by the Board of directors to be required or suitable for use for . . . parks and park facilities.

Section 2. That approval of this Resolution authorizes the City to pay the costs of the Project or activity from the Corporation's funds, as described in this Resolution, as authorized by Section 5.02 of the Corporation's bylaws.

APPROVED ON _____, 2016.

Joe Zimmerman, President
Sugar Land 4B Corporation

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eugenia A. Cano

Glenda Gundermann, Secretary

